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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Director for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

In the specification:

a In the specification after page 42, insert pages 1-9 enclosed herewith.

✓ On page 38, line 26, after "C'" insert --(SEQ ID NO:7)--.

SC 7/17/00 ✓ On page 38, line 28, after "C'" insert --(SEQ ID NO:8)--.

✓ On page 39, line 7, after "TATTACTTTCNAAAYTAYCA" insert --(SEQ ID NO:9)--.

✓ On page 39, line 10, after "TCGTATGGCATNACCTGNCC" insert --(SEQ ID NO:10)--.

On page 40, line 9, after "GTCAATATGCTGTTCAAG" insert --(SEQ ID NO:11)--.